

Zamarripa opts against challenging Hesselbein for Assembly assistant minority leader

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State Rep. JoCasta Zamarripa has decided against challenging Rep. Dianne Hesselbein for Assembly assistant minority leader.

Zamarripa, D-Milwaukee, declined comment to WisPolitics.com on why she decided to drop her bid for the Assembly Dems' No. 2 leadership post.

The caucus was meeting Tuesday afternoon to elect a new minority leader after Rep. Peter Barca, D-Kenosha, stepped down from the post under pressure. Rep. Gordon Hintz, D-Oshkosh, is the only announced candidate for the post.

Hesselbein, D-Middleton, is in her first term as assistant leader.

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"I'm just looking forward to continue serving as assistant minority leader," Hesselbein said.